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Skill Development in North Eastern Region
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched schemes for promotion/generation of self-employment/employment through skill development in the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the special steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons there for; and

(d) the details of measures taken to promote skill development programmes for unemployed youth during the last two years in the North Eastern Region?

Answer

(a) to (d) Government of India is implementing several programmes for promotion both self or wage employment linked skill development in the country including the North Eastern Region.

Under short term skilling sector, the Ministry through the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and States, is implementing major schemes known as Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK) in the country and Capacity Building Scheme exclusively for North- Eastern Region.

PMKVY enables large number of prospective youth for taking Short Term Training and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) through accredited and affiliated training partner/training centers. Under PMKVY scheme, industries too support the scheme through participating as training partner/centre in training- cum- placement activities of the candidates. Scheme incentivizes Training Centers (TCs) for facilitating placement of the trained candidates. TCs are mandated to organize Placement / Rozgar Melas every six months with support from the Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) and to ensure participation of local industry. Further, the reimbursement of last 20% of training cost to TCs is linked to wage employment or self employment to at least 70% of the trained candidates.

The scheme also provides for additional incentives for participation of youth in the NE region and for attracting training capacity in this region. The Training Centres (TCs) are paid 10% additional cost for training in the NE States. A new provision for allowing residential training for maximum of 50% of the candidates in the NE states for 2017-18 has also been recently approved and notified by the Ministry. For incentivising the youth, there is also a provision of monthly travel allowance and post placement support to the youth in the NE States. In addition, the NE youth is also allowed to avail of residential training in other parts of India outside NE region also, which also includes one time payout of to and fro travel cost from NE state to the training district. Under PMKVY, as on 28th July 2017, 92,272 candidates are trained across various sectors at 630 Training Centres in N-E region.

Under PMKK, Government intends to establish a model aspirational skill development centre for delivery of skill development training. The objectives of PMKK are to focus on elements of quality, sustainability and connect with stakeholders in skills delivery process. Each centre runs skill development training programmes under PMKVY. As on 16th July 2017, 556 PMKKs have been allocated in 514 districts across the country. Out of which, 34 districts of N-E States have been covered under PMKK.

Further, Ministry is also implementing Capacity Building Scheme of Ministry of Development of North-east Region (MDoNER) through 12 government training providers. The project aims to provide residential trainings to approximately 8500 candidates in various sectors namely; Capital goods, Apparel, Media, IT-ITeS, Handicrafts, Food Processing etc.

Ministry through Directorate General of Training (DGT), has formulated a scheme "Enhancing Skill Development Infrastructure in NE States & Sikkim" to promote skill development in 8 North Eastern States. The scheme supports upgradation of 38 ITIs and setting up of 22 new ITIs in 8 North Eastern States. In addition, there are other programmes also where upgradation and modernization of government ITIs is being promoted by the DGT through the States.
â€¢ Vocational Training Improvement Project (VTIP) covers 15 existing ITIs in NE region for upgradation.
â€¢ Upgradation of Government ITIs into Model ITIs scheme covers conversion of 3 existing ITIs into Model ITIs in NE region.
â€¢ Scheme of Upgradation of 1396 Government ITIs through Public Private Partnership (PPP) covers modernisation of 38 existing ITIs in NE region.

Government has also approved National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS). Under the Scheme, Government of India will share 25% of prescribed stipend subject to a maximum of Rs. 1500 per month per apprentice with the employers. Government of India will also share Rs. 7500 per fresher apprentice (who come directly from school without any formal trade training) as a basic training cost with Basic Training Providers for a maximum duration of 500 hours / 3 months. The target for the scheme is 50 lakh

apprentices across country including N-E states by 2020.

In addition, Special Projects for BRU Refugees and Gorkhaland have been approved by Ministry to cater to the requirements of youth in this region.